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*** Bill No. ***

Introduced By *****

By Request of the (Agency or Department)

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act expanding the types of licensed health care providers that are required to attend event; amending section 23-3-405, MCA; and providing an immediate effective dates."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 23-3-405, MCA, is amended to read:

" **23-3-405. Rules.** (1) The board may adopt rules for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

(2) (a) The rules must include the granting, suspension, and revocation of licenses and the qualification requirements for those to be licensed to conduct matches or exhibitions or to be licensed as referees, managers, or judges. License qualifications must include appropriate knowledge, experience, and integrity.

(b) The rules may include but are not limited to the following:

(i) the labeling of a match as a championship match;

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(ii) the number and length of rounds and the weight of gloves;

(iii) the extent and timing of the physical examination of contestants;

(iv) the attendance of a referee and the referee's powers and duties; and

(v) review of decisions made by officials.

(3) The rules must meet or exceed the safety codes required by recognized professional boxing and wrestling organizations and provide reasonable measures for the fair conduct of the matches or exhibitions and for the protection of the health and safety of the contestants. The rules must require a physical examination of each contestant prior to each match or exhibition ~~and the attendance of a licensed physician at ringside~~ and must provide for the qualifications of judges, referees, and seconds and for their payment by the promoter.

(4) The rules must provide for the attendance of a licensed "physician" as defined in 37-3-102, physician assistant-certified licensed by the Montana Board of Medical Examiners or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse as defined in 37-8-102, at ringside and require the promoter to pay for their services."

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{*Internal References to 23-3-405: None* }

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Effective date.**

[This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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